REGULATION (EEC) No 1243/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 16 May 1974

fixing the reference prices for plums for the 1974 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 [1] of 18 May 1972 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2745/72 [2], and in particular Article 27 (1) thereof;

Whereas, under Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, reference prices valid for the whole Community are to be fixed each year, before the beginning of the marketing year;

Whereas plums are produced in such quantities in the Community that a reference price should be fixed for them;

Whereas plums harvested during a given crop year are marketed from June to October; whereas the quantities harvested during the first 10 days of June and during the last 10 days of October are so small that there is no need to fix reference prices for that period; whereas reference prices should be fixed only for the period from 11 June to 20 October;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 23 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, reference prices are to be equal to the arithmetic mean of producer prices in each Member State plus an amount representing the costs of transporting Community products from the production areas to Community marketing centres; whereas the trend of average basic prices and buying-in prices should also be taken into account;

Whereas, since the varieties of plums are not all comparable as regards the estimation of their commercial value, these varieties should be classified in two groups;

Whereas, to take seasonal variations into account, the marketing year should be divided into several periods and a reference price fixed for each of those periods;

Whereas the producer prices are to correspond to the averages of the prices recorded during the three years prior to the date of fixing of the reference price for a home-grown product with defined commercial characteristics on the representative market or markets situated in the production areas where prices are lowest, for the products or varieties which represent a considerable proportion of production marketed throughout the year or during part of it, and which satisfy specified requirements as regards market preparation; whereas, when the average of prices recorded on each representative market is being calculated, prices which could be considered excessively high or excessively low in relation to normal price fluctuations on the market should be disregarded;

Whereas, for the purpose of calculating entry prices, the varieties imported from third countries of which the entry prices are to be compared to the prices fixed for Group I and to those fixed for Group II respectively should be specified;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the 1974 marketing year the reference prices for plums (subheading No 08.07 D of the Common Customs Tariff), expressed in units of account per 100 kg net of packed products of Class I and II of all sizes, shall be as follows for each of the groups of varieties:

	Group I	*Group II*
from 11 June to 31 July:	26·0	—
August:	24·4	19·9
September:	21·0	16·5
October (1 to 20):	—	15·6

2. The groups of varieties referred to in paragraph 1 shall be composed of the following varieties:

Group I:

Altesse double (Italian quetsche), Précoce favourite, Belle de Louvain, Conducta, Early Rivers, Kirk's Blue, Jefferson Gage, Lützelsachser (early Lützelsachsen quetsche), Anna Späth, Ersinger (early Ersingen quetsche), Zimmers (Zimmer quetsche), Bühler (early Bühl quetsche), Burbank, Florentia, Goccia d'oro, Reine Claude, Czar, Victorias, Purple Pershore, Damsons.

Group II:

Altesse simple (common quetsche, Hauszwetschge), Reine Claude d'Oullins, Sveskeblommer, Ruth Gerstetter, Ontario, Pershore (yellow egg).

[1] OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 147.

3. The entry prices of imported products are to be compared :

(a) to the prices fixed for Group I where the imported products belong to varieties other than those shown in (b) ;

(b) to the prices fixed for Group II where the imported products belong to the following varieties : Altesse simple (common quetsche, Hauszwetschge), Reine Claude d'Oullins (Oullins Gage), Sveskeblommer, Ruth Gerstetter, Ontario, Wangenheimer (early Wangenheim quetsche), Pershore (yellow egg), Mirabelle, Bosniche.

Amendments to the provisions of the preceding subparagraph shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure in Article 33 of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72, in keeping with changes in the varieties imported from third countries.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 June 1974.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.'

Done at Brussels, 16 May 1974.

For the Commission

The President

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